An extended abstract of a paper on the subject of:

CONCEPTUAL APPROACHES TO COOPERATION BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE PUBLIC IN THE PROCESS OF FORMING FAMILY POLICY IN UKRAINE

Problem setting. Conceptual approach to interaction between the state and the society in the process of family policy elaboration is an essential system of views, correct choice of which influences efficiency of public administration, civil activity and quality of family policy.

Recent research and publications analysis. Compared to other scientific works in public administration this area is in priority.

Paper objective. Taking into account problems which haven’t been resolved so far, the aim of the article is to systemize main conceptual approaches to sense, idea and practical issues of interaction between the state and the society in the process of family policy elaboration.

Paper main body. Systematization of main conceptual approaches on:

1. Character of interaction of the parties:
   - Family policy – is a dynamic, decentralized and open system, which is aimed at family consolidation with the help of “managerial partnership” of the state, society, religion and charity organizations;
   - Family policy – is a “manage-one-another” system, which is aimed at family consolidation and development;
2. Historical prospective of family policy development and members of its realization:

- Family policy since Kiev Rus (7-9 centuries), Rich Pospolyta (13-17 centuries) and as a part of Austria and Hungary empire (17-18 centuries) has contradicted with the kossak traditions and expansion policy of state and church;

- Family policy in Russian empire formed foundation of future system of family policy in Ukraine;

- Family policy in Soviet state moved from gender liberation theory and free love, which were imposed by party leaders to family stabilization and birth stimulation;

- Family policy in independent Ukraine is formed on future development and recessionary conceptual approaches as for adopting of family policy elaboration and their understanding of its aim.

3. Concept characteristics of family policy:

- Family policy is viewed as united system of economical, legislative, social, informational, ideological and administrative measures, which are aimed at ensuring interests, well-being and safety of the family;

- Family policy is identified with family social protection ensured by the state;

- Family policy resolves demographic problems first of all, which reduces its functions to reproductive ones only.

**Conclusions of the research.** Analysis of conceptual approaches on the topic of the research shows that family policy in Ukraine pays little attention to the civil opinion, as there is no unified state conception of interaction between society and state institutions in realization of family policy, which has led to its lip-service (in the form of acts and government instructions).

With reference to this we’ve introduced our own view of the conceptual approaches to understanding of family policy concept, which differs from traditional in such ways:
- Firstly, family policy is fulfilled with the help of restricted way of work in the form of united interaction between state and society;
- Secondly, subjects of interaction in the family policy realization ensure sovereignty of family and its members, create conditions for full realization of its interests and rights.